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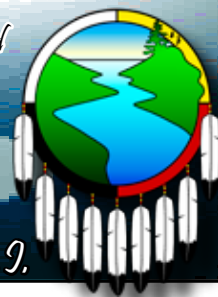
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Government news you can use

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Rapid River News!

From L.R.B.O.I.



(The following information comes from a weekly update supplied to the Ogema concerning the tribal government, local communities and issues that affect overall tribal business.)

Inside the Rapid River News!

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LRBOI Jiingtamok for 2010 will be held the 3rd and 4th of July at the gathering grounds. Drums and other persons have not yet been finalized. Vendors can contact Valerie (or Terri), although invitations are also being sent. Vendor space is \$100 for 20ft of "frontage", slightly higher for food vendors (who get 40ft). Grand Entries will be 1 PM and 7 PM on the 3rd and 1PM on the 4th. More details will be released as they become available. Call 1-888-723-8288 ext 6891 for more details.

Elders Survey!

The Tribe is conducting an Elder Survey. Elders interested in participating in this survey are asked to contact the Members Assistance Department. For participating in this survey the Elder will receive a gift of appreciation and a certificate of participation.

June 29th there will be staff at the Muskegon Office available to Elders who would like to participate.

Staff will also be there July 20th and August 10th



Click here for LRBOI Job Postings

<http://www.lrboi.com/hr/index.html>

Click here for LRCR Employment

<http://www.lrcr.com/employment.html>

Fall Membership Meeting Set!
Mark your Calendars
for October 9, 2010

Little River Princess

See the attached flyer for information on this years' search for the Little River Princess and Junior Princess.



Pre-College Leadership Programs

See the news (at the end of the Rapid River) concerning MSU's pre-college programs.

Language Camp date set!

Be sure to mark your calendar for July 23, 24 and 25th for the **17th Annual Anishinaabe Family Language / Culture Camp**. See the flyer below for details.

Open Board of Director Meeting at LRCR:

JUNE 23, 2010
JULY 16, 2010
AUGUST 27, 2010

Warriors Society Updates



They wish to acknowledge tribal descendents currently serving in a combat zone as well as tribal citizens from LRBOI. Please contact the Warrior Society with your information.



A new ordinance is being reviewed rightnow for the group and it should be available within the next two months.

The summer youth camp will be Aug. 2-13, 2010. Watch the Rapid River News and Currents for more details



Wii Bowling League

Wii Bowling for Elders. The CHRs from Tribal Health are holding *Wii* bowling for the Elders at the Community Center on Tuesday afternoons at 1 p.m. The fun game is really taking off and they hope to add more days as more and more people sign up. For more information, contact your CHR or Tribal Health.

Per Cap Announcement

The Per Cap totals have been announced for the July 1st distribution. Tribal Citizens between 18 and 54 years of age will receive \$684.07 while Elders 55 and older will receive \$1,368.14. The amounts represent a 34% increase from the 7/01/09 payment.

Elders Meeting:



First
Saturday of every month

Pandemic Exercise

The Tribal Emergency Response Team (T.E.R.T.) held a Pandemic Exercise at Aki Maadiziwin Community Center on the 11th. This was a full scale exercise of the team, its equipment and capabilities involving the Tribal Health Clinic. Evaluators from three different response agencies attended and gave high marks to the exercise team. See the story in the August *Currents*.

Election Board Office Moved!

Election Board Office Moved! The Election Board Office has moved. It is now located in the Old Community Center on US-31 in Manistee. The telephone number is (231) 398-6709.

(Kateri Circle)

"If you listen close at night, you will hear the creatures of the dark, all of them sacred - the owls, the crickets, the frogs, the night birds - and you will hear beautiful songs, songs you have never heard before. Listen with your heart. Never stop listening."

--Henery Quick Bear, LAKOTA

The night time is full of life, full of song, and full of beauty. Have you ever gone outside at night and listened? One has access to serenity and peace. At night all our senses change their roles. Because we can't see, our hearing is much stronger, our smell is even more enhanced, our sight is different. We are able to join nature through sounds and smells, through the songs of the night birds, and through the night winds. We can close our eyes and experience interconnectedness in a different way. Try it tonight and experience oneness with the Creator.

LRCR designated as Red Cross 'Evacuation Shelter'

Tribal Council last week approved a Memorandum of Understanding with the Red Cross that make the Casino Resort and Emergency Evacuation Shelter for use during times of mass disaster in the area. This mutually beneficial agreement also brings quite a bit of training to the tribe by the Red Cross at no cost to us.

Housing Bids

Be sure to see the full bid statement from the Tribal Housing Department (below) for construction opportunities.

Paid Internships Available

A limited number of paid internships are available through the Commerce Department's Workforce Development Program for FY 2010. If you are a LRBOI Tribal Preference Student (Citizen or Descendant) at least 18 years old with a 2.75 Cumulative Grade Point Average and enrolled in a degreed program at an accredited College or University, you may qualify for a paid internship. The Workforce Development Program offers the intern 240 paid hours at \$10.00 per hour. Interns are placed based on their interest and educational field of study at LRBOI government, enterprises and business entities. Tribal Citizens who are Class of 2010 High School Graduates at least 18 years old and enrolled in an accredited College or University in 2010 may also qualify for a paid internship. Those interested should contact the Workforce Development Program toll-free at 1-888-723-8288, extension 6842, direct line 231-398-6842, or e-mail dhawley@lrboi.com for additional internship program details and application materials.

Come Join the Diabetes Talking Circle

- Learn:
- Myths about diabetes
- Diabetes prevention
- Diabetes risk factors
- Types of diabetes
- Eating healthy, dietary guidelines
- Reading food labels and shopping for healthy foods
- Healthy food preparation
- Traditional foods
- Routine medical care

This group can help support your desire to change your eating habits/diet, support a family member with diabetes, and assist you in making changes to be healthier. Tuesday 5:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m. at the Tribal Health Clinic or Wednesday 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Aki Community Center. Classes run for 12 weeks. For more information or to sign up for a class contact Holly Davis RN, MSN Diabetes Educator/Community Health Nurse 231-398-6610 or Teresa Johnson Community Health Representative at 231-398-6629.

Muskegon Four Season's Kateri Circle Gathering for 2010

Dates and Times for coming events
Patti Wlodkowski 755-4865

- o Summer Gathering August 8, 10:30-3pm
Krause Park, Muskegon
- o Halloween Gathering Oct. 17, 11 am – 4 pm
costume party
- o Ghost Supper, Geba-geshick Nov. 7
11 am – 4 pm
- o Christmas Gathering Dec. 19, 11 am – 4 pm

Times for the Gatherings held at ST. Thomas Hall 3252 Apple Ave. Muskegon, MI

- o The Time for the Summer Gathering will be 10:30 am to 3 pm which will be held at Krause Park {End of Sherman blvd.}
- o For all gatherings it is requested that those attending the POTLUCK bring a dish to pass We try to eat at noon for all gatherings
- o For Halloween and Christmas gatherings we would like donations of candy so we can make up goodies bags for the children, with the extra going to everyone

Any person who wishes to sell their handmade items at our gatherings is welcome to do so, but you are responsible for your own items.....

Rental Housing Available!

Rental Housing Available! The Little River Band Housing Department still has one new rental home for lease at Aki Maadiziwin. The home has three bedrooms, two bathrooms, full basement and a two car attached garage. The home is a market based rental, Tribal member families are not required to be low income. The home rents for \$625.00 per month plus utilities. Security/Pet deposits and references are required. Background checks will be conducted, as with all residents at Aki. This home is not a HUD funded home; therefore, we do not follow HUD guidelines. If you would like an application, please call Chad Gehrke in the Housing Department Toll Free 1.888.723.8288 or direct at 231.398.6878.

Encode your Card!

Encode your Card! The Enrollment Department and Tax Department have announced that you must have your Tribal ID card encoded so that you can continue to receive your discount at the Trading Post on motor fuel, tobacco and cigarette purchases. Please stop by the Enrollment Department (at the Old Community Center on US 31 in Manistee) and they will update your card for you. If you don't encode your card, you will not be able to receive the Tribal Member discount at the Gas Station!

(Note) The Enrollment Department office in Manistee will be closed from June 16th through June 18th as the staff will be away at training.

Commissions/Committees:

The following commissions have current openings.

Gaming Commission	2 openings
Health Commission	2 openings
Binojeeuk	2 openings
Muschigon	3 openings
LRCR Board	2 openings

All other commission seats available have been filled.

HIS & HERS GOOD FELLOWSHIP AA GROUP

HIS & HERS GOOD FELLOWSHIP AA GROUP has been moved to the Aki Community Center at 2953 Shaw Be Quo-Ung, Manistee. That is at the corner of Dontz Rd. and Shaw Be Quo-Ung (Aki Housing area). The group still meets at 7 p.m. every Thursday evening.

MSU

Michigan State University is holding its **Pre-College Leadership Program (PCLP) Retreat** for Native American Youth July 25-30, 2010 at the MSU campus in East Lansing. This camp is open for students in grades 8 through 12. There is no cost for attendance, but students must have their own transportation to and from MSU. (If LRBOI students attend, transportation can be provided by LRBOI Education Department from Manistee to MSU- but you'd have to get to Manistee)

What is PCLP Summer Youth Retreat? It's a week-long residential experience where Native American Youth can explore both traditional culture and college life! Academic workshops, cultural activities, and social events are all facilitated and supervised by MSU **Native** faculty, staff and current undergraduate students! The PCLP Youth Retreat is the perfect place for Native young people to learn about college! It is designed for students who will be entering 8th to 12th grades in the fall of 2010. Space is limited to the first 30 applicants. Students will stay in a college residence hall, explore college classes, explore career opportunities, improve understanding of the college admissions process, improve understanding of financial aid, develop relationships with other Native youth from across the state, develop relationships with Native role models from across the state, practice for the ACT, develop leadership skills, enjoy social and cultural activities, and have fun!

If you are interested you can contact Stephanie Chau, PCLP Coordinator at (517) 353-1822 or chaus@msu.edu for more information or applications. You can also stop in at the tribal Education Department to pick up an application.

SECTION 00010**INVITATION FOR BIDS****A. The Owner (hereinafter referred to as Owner):**

Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department

Mailing Address: 375 River Street

Physical Address: 2953 Shaw Be Quong

Manistee, Michigan 49660

**B. Construction Packets will be available Thursday May 27, 2010
at the Little River Band Housing office between 8 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.****C. BID DUE DATE: June 15, 2010, at 4:00 p.m. local time****D. TO: POTENTIAL BIDDERS**

1. Sealed proposals for furnishing and installing materials for the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department for the Aki maadiziwin Low Income Housing Project will be received by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department until 4:00 p.m. local time, June 15, 2010, at which time and place all base bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The proposals may be hand-delivered or sent by Fed Ex, UPS, etc. to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department which is located at 2953 Shaw Be Quong, Manistee, Michigan 49660. **U.S. mail is not delivered to this address.**

2. Project Description: The work generally consists of the construction of multiple one, two, three and four bedroom single family residences with garages bid proposals are requested from contractors for the following bid/work categories. Approximately 13 total.

02A: Earthwork and Underground Utilities

03A: Concrete

06A: Building Materials

07A: Shingle Roofing System

07B: Blown-in Insulation

09A: Gypsum Board Systems

09B: Painting

09C: Finish Flooring

15A: Plumbing Systems

15B: HVAC Systems

16A: Electrical Systems

Review Bid Category description in Section 00630 for the exact scope of work.

3. Copies of the contract documents may be obtained from the office of Builders Exchange Traverse City, Traverse City Reproduction or Little River Band Housing office 2953 Shaw Be Quong, Manistee. A refundable deposit of \$50.00 is required. Send all deposit checks to LRBOI Housing Department 375 River Street, Manistee, Michigan 49660. Plan deposits will be refunded to bidders submitting bid proposals and upon return of plans and specifications in good condition within 15 days of the bid opening. Questions regarding the project shall be directed to the Project Director Frank Figgels 231-398-6879 or 231-690-7181. Request for Construction (Bid) Packets call Michelle Bernatche @ 231-398-6875.

4. Contract Documents may also be examined at the following locations:

A. Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department, 2953 Shaw Be Quong, Manistee, Michigan 49660.

B. Builders Exchange, Traverse City, Kalamazoo and Grand Rapids.

5. The Owner reserves the right to accept any proposal, reject any proposal and waive irregularities in proposals.

6. Funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), U.S. Department of Housing and Urban

Housing Bids

Development (HUD) and the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996 (NAHASDA) will be used in funding this project. As a result, contractors and subcontractors are required to comply with the following:

A. Federal Labor Standards Provisions

B. Equal Opportunity Requirements

C. Davis-Bacon Requirements

D. Pursuant to the requirements of the NAHASDA:

1. Preference and opportunities for training and employment shall be given to Indians, and

2. Preference in the award of contracts and subcontracts shall be given to Indian Organizations and Indian

Owned Economic Enterprises as defined in Section 3 of the Indian Financing Act of 1974 (25 U.S.C. 1452).

7. No proposals may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days after receipt of bids.

8. All organizations interested in applying for Indian Preference as defined in Section 8(a) of the Representations, Certifications and Other Statements of Bidders (HUD- 5369-A) must submit evidence of eligibility and documentation to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians by June 8, 2010.

9. Aside from price, the Housing Department will evaluate the responsiveness of each bid on the basis of the following six factors: Qualifications of the contractor; Staff Experience of those who will be working on the job; Responsiveness of the bid or proposal; Hiring Native Americans for the project; Ability to meet schedule; and Indian preference.

10. Proposals submitted by Contractors who have been debarred, suspended or made ineligible by any Federal Agency will be rejected.

11. A pre-bid meeting, is scheduled for June 3, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Community Center, 2953 Shaw Be Quong, Manistee, Michigan 49660.

Contractors are strongly encouraged to attend as a tour of an existing home is planned so as to define quality requirements.

END OF INVITATION FOR BID

Anishnaabek Healing Circle

Access to Recovery Program

The Anishnaabek Healing Circle is a healing circle of friends, community members and substance abuse professionals who will walk with you on a journey to wellness. If you or a loved one in your family is struggling with drugs or alcohol, then you can get the help you need to break the cycle of addiction.

The Anishnaabek Healing Circle is a gift from the Creator to the Three Fires People. The gift is now: with help from a federal Access to Recovery grant, we can do something about the disease of addiction, one person at a time. Only you can choose to accept the gift – of time, of people who care, of “Mino-bimaadiziwin” -- the Good Life – the life lived in balance.

BeDa Bin Staff is asking for participation in the Anishnaabek Healing Circle Program. This includes working with you to complete a GPRA interview and at the point when you complete all ATR screening of the program you will be compensated with a \$25.00 Trading Post Fuel Card.

To get more information, please contact Julie Wolfe at 231-398-6740

or any BeDaBin Staff at 231-398-6742

An initiative of the Inter-Tribal Council of Michigan

To expand Access to Substance Abuse treatment & Recovery Support Services

www.atrhealingcircle.com

COMBINED NOTICE OF FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT AND INTENT TO REQUEST RELEASE OF FUNDS

June 9, 2010

**Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
375 River Street
Manistee, MI 49660
(231) 723.8288**

This notice shall satisfy the above-cited two separate but related procedural notification requirements.

REQUEST FOR RELEASE OF FUNDS

On or about June 24, 2010, the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians will submit a request to HUD for the release of Indian Housing Block Grant funds under Title I of the Native American Housing Assistance and Self-Determination Act of 1996, as amended, to undertake a project known as 2010 Aki Maadiziwin Housing Project, for the purpose of constructing fifteen homes. The subdivision is located on Dontz Road in Manistee, MI.

FINDING OF NO SIGNIFICANT IMPACT

The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians has determined that the project will have no significant impact on the human environment. Therefore, an Environmental Impact Statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1996 (NEPA) is not required. Additional project information is contained in the Environmental Review Record (ERR) on file at the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians main office, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI, 49660 and may be examined or copied weekdays from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency disagreeing with this determination or wishing to comment on the project may submit written comments to the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians Housing Department. All comments received by June 24, 2010 will be considered by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds. Commenter's should specify which part of the Notice they are addressing. All comments should be directed to Chad A. Gehrke at the following address: 375 River Street, Manistee, MI, 49660.



Rapid River News!

From L.R.B.O.I.

*Ode'mini-Giizis (Strawberry Moon),
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This information is subject to change without prior notice. Updated: 5-4-10

If you are interested in a hearing, please call the Tribal Court office (231-398-3406) the day before to confirm the schedule.

CO - Cora Offense/Conservation

DM - Divorce with children

EB - Election Board Appeal

FSJ - Foreign Support Judgment

GM - Guardianship of Minor

JV - Juvenile

NC - Name Change

TA - Trust Access

CS - Child Support

DO - Divorce w/o children

EM - Emancipation of Minor

GA - Gaming Appeal

GR - Employment Matter

LT - Landlord Tenant

PF - Probate

TM - Tribal Misdemeanor

CT - Civil Ticket

EA - Enrollment Appeal

FJ - Foreign Judgment

GC - General Civil

JC - Judicial Complaint

NA - Neglect Abuse

PPO - Personal Protection Order

WC - Workmen's Compensation

Monday, June 14, 2010; Judge Bailey

9:00 a.m. 09256DO - Fisher v. Gault 2nd Pretrial

Thursday, June 17, 2010; Judge Sherigan

10:00 a.m. 10095GR - Waitner v. LRBOI Emp. Closed Hearing

Monday, June 21, 2010; Judge Bailey

10:00 a.m. 08189TM - LRBOI v. Stone Reconsideration

11:30 a.m. 09240TM - LRBOI v. Hannah Show Cause

Monday, June 28, 2010; Judge Bailey

10:30 a.m. 09273TM - LRBOI v. Smith 2nd Pretrial



Work Search Computer!

The Commerce Department's Workforce Development Program has had a computer installed for job search and career-related activities at the Commerce Dept., 294 River Street. The computer may be used by any Tribal Citizen or Descendant and they must be signed up with the Workforce Development Program. The department also maintains a hard copy Job Postings Book at the workstation for all job postings through Tribal Government and LRBOI, as well as other job resource information.

Identifying Our Needs: A Survey of Elders

The purpose of this project is to assist tribes, villages, and homesteads in creating a record of the health and social needs of their elders. This survey is a required submission for the Elder Meal Program grant application to help tribes with data needed for their Title VI nutrition and caregiving grants awarded from the Administration on Aging (AoA) and can also help with tribal planning, long-term care discussions, and grant-writing. The survey information also compares the Native American elders to the general U.S. population to determine the extent of existing social and health differences. A survey instrument was constructed using questions from nationally administered questionnaires so comparisons could be made with data from the nation. Data is collected on: general health status, activities of daily living, vision, hearing and dental care, screening, health care access, tobacco and alcohol usage, weight and nutrition, social support/housing, demographics and social functioning. The information is confidential and the survey instrument does not identify your name but will ask for your zip code for demographic data. Time to complete survey is about 30 minutes.

Departments assisting Elders with the Survey: Family Services, Clinic CHR's, Members Assistance Intake Clerks

Compiled by the Office of Public Affairs

If you have any specific questions, ideas or comments regarding this information, please address them to:
The Office of Public Affairs, LRBOI, 375 River Street, Manistee, MI. 49660. 231-398-6840.

Or send them direct to currentscomments@lrboi.com.

Your comments will be forwarded to the right person at the tribal government within 24 hours.

Anishinaabemdaa



The Little River Band of Ottawa Indians invites you to the 17th Annual Anishinaabe Family Language / Culture Camp

**Celebrating the unity of our language and culture
Bring your nation flag and gift for the giveaway**

Meals are provided

No registration fee

**Aanii piish
Manistee Mi.**

**Wenesh pii
July 23, 24, 25. 2010**

Friday July 23

Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise ceremony)

8:00 Opening Ceremony & Breakfast

9:15-12:00 Presentations/workshops

12:00 Lunch

1:15-5:00 Presentations/workshops

5:00 Dinner

7:00 Talent night

Saturday July 24

Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise ceremony)

8:00 Breakfast

9:15-12:00 Presentations/workshops

12:00 Lunch

1:15-5:00 Presentations/workshops

5:00 Dinner

7:00 Jiingtamok

Sunday July 25

Waabini Manidookewin (Sunrise ceremony)

8:00 Breakfast

9:15-12:00 Presentations/workshops

12:00 Lunch, Giveaway & Closing

Some presentations are: Cultural teachings, language learning, pipe teachings, natural medicines, drum making, hoop dancing, flute playing, basket making, hide tanning and games. These presentations and workshops are for all ages. We politely ask that English be the second language used at this camp. These presentations will be in both English and Anishinaabemowin. First come, first serve for the camping area. This great event will take place at the corner of M22 and US 31 across from the Casino, same place as previous years. There are showers on site. Bring your Nation flag and we will display it to show the unity of our language and culture. We encourage every family to bring a gift for the giveaway.

**Sponsored by the Little River Band of Ottawa Indians of the Anishinaabe Nation
And the Little River Casino Resort**

For more information please call

Kenny Neganigwane Pheasant at 231-398-6892 or 231-590-1187 or 231-933-4406

Terri Raczkowski at 231-398-6891

Email: kpheasant@lrboi.com or kennypheasant@charter.net

“Check out our language camp page on our website at www.anishinaabemdaa.com

Anishinaabemdaa



**The Little River Band Of Ottawa Indians
15th Traditional Jiingtamok**

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SESSION BEZHIK
1PM - 5PM
SATURDAY

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SESSION NIIZH
7PM - 9PM
SATURDAY

★★★
SESSION NSWI
1-4PM
SUNDAY

**DANCERS: BRING
A GIVEAWAY GIFT**



**THE RIVER
LITTLE RIVER
GATHERING
GROUNDS**



**NO ADMISSION
EVERYONE WELCOME**

☾
**HAND DRUM
COMPETITION**

★
**SPECIAL AZTEC
DANCE
EXHIBITION**


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**TWO-STEP
CONTEST**
SATURDAY NIGHT

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**MISS LITTLE
RIVER BAND OF
OTTAWA INDIANS
CONTEST**

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**WELLNESS
WALK**
SATURDAY MORNING



for more information
888-723-8288
ext 6891 or 6895
WWW.LRBOHNSN.GOV/THP/



*Miss Little River Band of Ottawa
Indian Princess Contest
Hosted by Quewak Group
concurrently with the LRBOI 15th
Annual Traditional Jiingtamok
July 3 & 4, 2010*

*Applicant Qualifications:
Little River Band of Ottawa Indians
Tribal member
Between the ages of 13 and 18 years
A positive role model
Single with no dependents
A powwow dancer*

*For more information and application
contact:*

*Deb Davis 231.398.6724
Julie Wolfe 231.398.6740*